

Senate File 2245 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2245
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3088)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requesting interim committees relating to
2 confidentiality provisions under Iowa's open records law.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. INTERIM STUDY — LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIVE
2 REPORTS — BODY CAMERA VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS. The
3 legislative council is requested to establish an interim
4 committee, composed of legislator members of both political
5 parties from both houses of the general assembly, to meet
6 during the 2016 interim to discuss issues relating to the use,
7 storage, retention, public inspection, and confidentiality of
8 law enforcement investigative reports and specific portions
9 of electronic mail and telephone billing records of law
10 enforcement agencies if part of an ongoing investigation
11 and including law enforcement body camera video and audio
12 recordings. The committee is directed to submit its findings
13 and recommendations in a report to the general assembly by
14 December 15, 2016.

15 Sec. 2. INTERIM STUDY — PUBLIC RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIAL
16 RECORDS UNDER IOWA'S OPEN RECORDS LAW. The legislative council
17 is requested to establish a legislative interim committee
18 to meet during the 2016 interim to study and discuss issues
19 relating to the statutory designation of certain public
20 records as confidential records under chapter 22 (Iowa's open
21 records law). The committee shall work to develop a clear
22 statutory categorization of the terms "government records",
23 "public records", and "confidential records" to facilitate the
24 assignment of particular government records to each category,
25 and to provide a framework to better inform and provide
26 guidance to public record custodians relating to their rights
27 and responsibilities under chapter 22. In conducting the study
28 and developing recommendations, the committee shall consider
29 testimony from interested stakeholders, including but not
30 limited to representatives from the attorney general's office,
31 the Iowa public information board, the Iowa state association
32 of counties, the Iowa league of cities, and state and local
33 government agencies. The committee shall submit its findings
34 and recommendations to the general assembly by December 31,
35 2016.

1 EXPLANATION

2 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

4 This bill relates to the confidentiality of certain public
5 records including law enforcement record information.

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